

SEGMENTATION OF TEXT LINES IN DIGITIZED IMAGES**ABSTRACT**

A method for locating symbols arranged in one or more rows in an image includes smearing the image, and
5 fitting line segments through edge points of features in the smeared image. A group is found of the line segments that are in mutual proximity and are mutually substantially parallel. A region of the image that contains the group of the line segments is identified as
10 a possible location of the symbols.